

CORNELIUS TIERS.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 40.]

FEBRUARY 29, 1840.

Mr. BANKS, from the Committee of Claims, submitted the following

REPORT:

The Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Cornelius Tiers, report:

That this subject has been before Congress for several preceding sessions, but no final action has been had. A bill has been uniformly reported for the relief of the petitioner. For the facts and evidence in support of the claim of the petitioner, your committee beg leave to refer to the reports of this committee—one made on the 17th of May, 1836, and the last on the 31st day of January, 1838.

The committee take the loss estimated by the petitioner, in the delay on the part of the Government in the execution of the contract, at the sum of \$1,200, although a much larger sum is estimated by his witnesses. The committee believe it ought to allow the petitioner a reasonable compensation for the erection of a mill, to carry into effect the contract entered into with the Government, and which was rendered useless to the petitioner in consequence of the Government suspending the contract: \$1,500 is believed to be an adequate remuneration for the erection of the mill, and the loss sustained by the petitioner.

The loss of timber, and the depreciation in the value thereof, your committee cannot estimate with certainty; but they believe \$300 would be a full compensation for that item.

The committee present the following items of account, which they have allowed, as a full indemnity to the petitioner:

The committee take Mr. Tiers's estimate of loss by delay	\$1,200 00
Estimate of loss in the erection of a mill to carry into effect his contract with Government	- 1,500 00
Estimated loss on timber, &c. &c.	- 300 00

\$3,000 00

For this sum the committee report a bill.

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